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Re:

Application of:

Richard M. Podhajny

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For:

ANTI-MICROBIAL PACKAGING MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR

**MAKING THE SAME** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the amendment. The attached appendix is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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35. A substantially inert dispersion of anti-microbial zeolites, said dispersion comprising a polymer and zeolites containing anti-microbial metal ions, said zeolites having a particle size of between about 2 and about 5 microns, a pore size of between about 3 and about 5 Angstroms, and comprising from about 0.5% to about 10% by weight of the dispersion.